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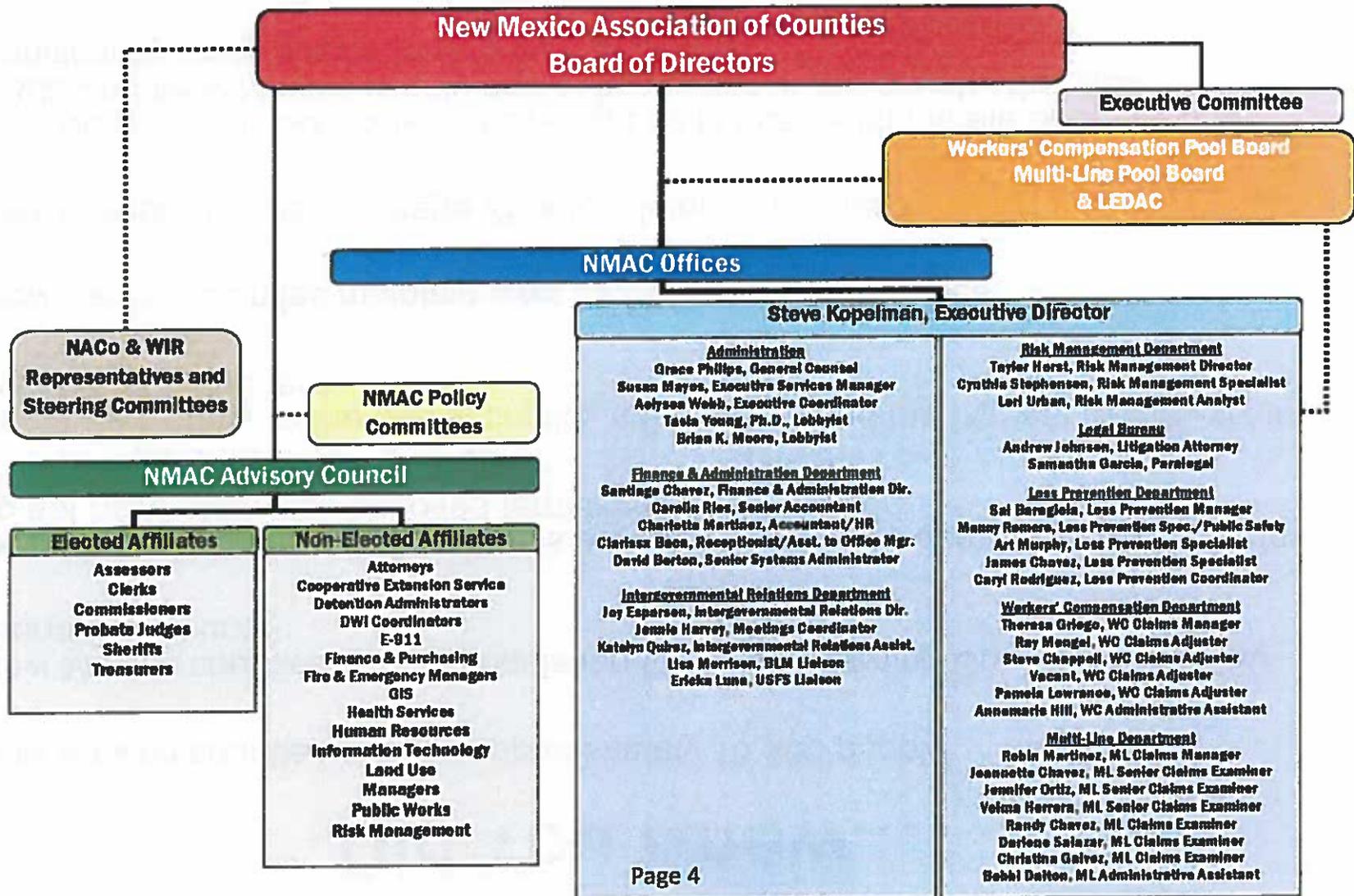
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Did You Know...

- New Mexico counties employ approximately 10,500 people
- New Mexico counties vary in population from 707 (Harding County) to 673,460 (Bernalillo County)
- New Mexico county elected officials are term limited and approximately 44 states do not have statewide imposed term limits
- Santa Fe County, is the oldest capitol in the nation and the highest capitol city in the U.S. at 7,000 feet
- New Mexico counties maintain over 29,000 county road miles
- New Mexico counties manage 28 adult detention centers
- New Mexico counties house an average daily total adult inmate population of 7,305 and New Mexico is only one of two states in the country that has significantly more people in jails than in prisons
- New Mexico counties are required to spend over \$250 million each year for jail operations alone

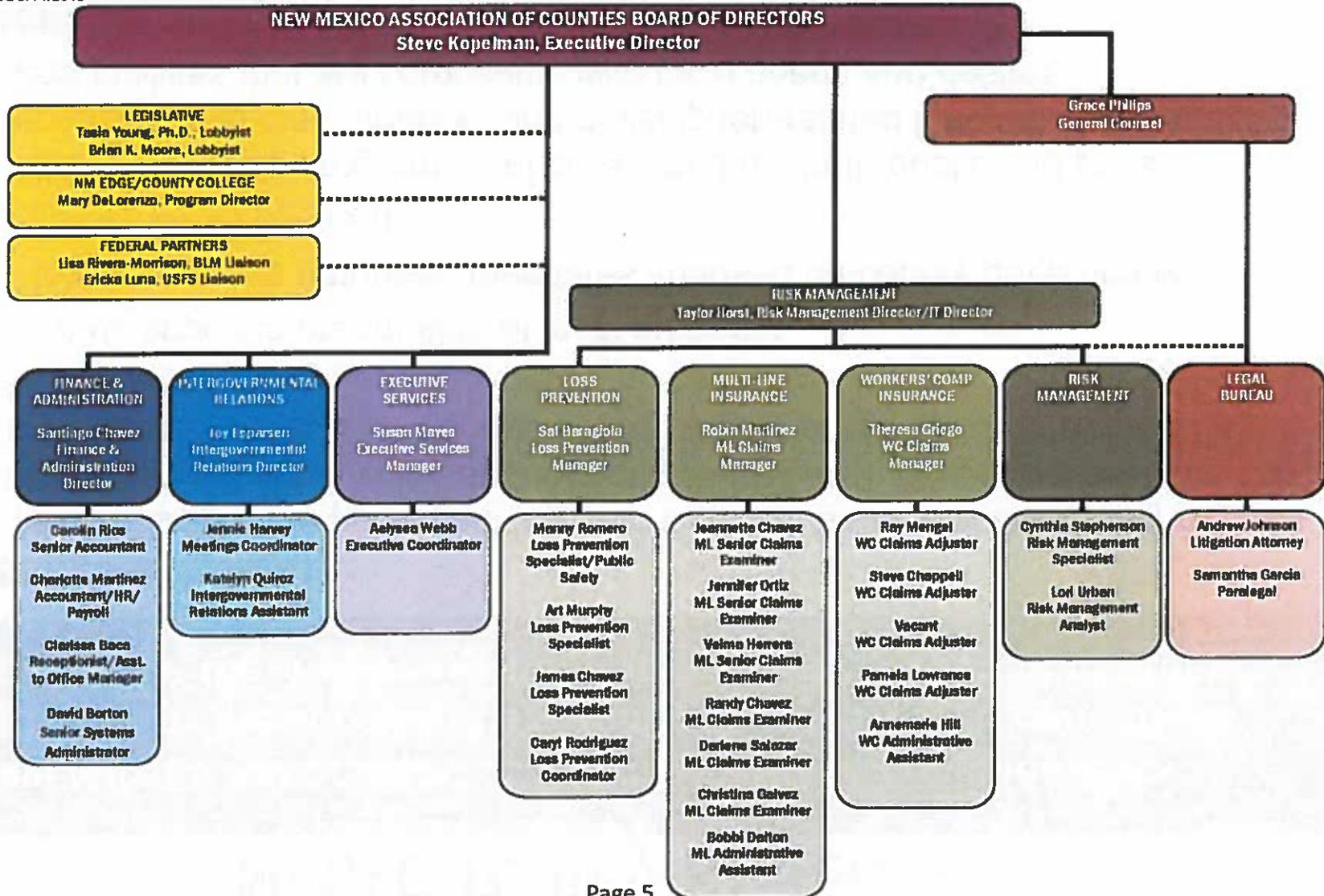
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Organizational Chart - Internal

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NMAC Policy Statement

The New Mexico Association of Counties' (NMAC) mission is to strengthen New Mexico counties' ability to govern their own affairs and to improve the well-being and quality of life of their constituents.

County Government

- NMAC supports a policy making process in which all elected county officials and citizens have a voice and recognizes that each county government can best determine how to manage its own affairs and meet the needs of its constituents.
- NMAC opposes preemption of local authority.
- NMAC opposes unfunded mandates imposed on county government.

Economic Development

- NMAC supports programs that create and aid both public and private enterprises to plan, finance, and develop job-related industries, businesses, and facilities that are compatible with local needs and desires.

Elections and Accountable Government

- NMAC supports transparency in governmental decision-making, open elections, and increased voter participation.

Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources

- NMAC supports significant involvement of county policy makers in federal, state, and local environmental, energy, and natural resources initiatives.
- NMAC supports adoption of sustainable water management policies.

Healthcare and Human Services

- NMAC supports significant involvement of county policy makers in federal, state, and local healthcare and human services funding and programs.
- NMAC supports a federal, state, and local partnership structure for financing and delivering healthcare and human services to meet the needs of all New Mexicans and opposes any measure that would further shift federal and state costs to counties.

Infrastructure

- NMAC supports adequate and recurring federal and state funding sources for public road, bridges, and transportation programs.
- NMAC opposes any restriction on the ability of counties to assess fees against users of public rights-of-way or the right of local government to control rights-of-way, zoning authority, or the right to receive usage and rental compensation from telecommunication and other utility providers.

Justice and Public Safety

- NMAC supports adequate community behavioral health services and effective diversion of individuals with serious mental illness and substance abuse problems from county detention facilities.
- NMAC supports effective and efficient delivery of public safety and emergency response services in all counties.
- NMAC supports effective and efficient criminal adjudication processes.
- NMAC opposes unnecessary incarceration of youth and adults in county detention facilities.

Taxation and Revenue

- NMAC supports tax reform efforts that improve economic efficiency, economic development, ease of administration, and overall fairness of the state and local tax system. It is essential that NMAC fully participates in legislative and executive efforts to restructure and reform the state and local tax system.
- NMAC supports the following tax policy principles: simplicity, transparency, economic neutrality, and equity.
- NMAC supports full federal funding of Payment in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools.
- NMAC opposes legislation that has a significant negative impact on county revenue.

NMAC Policy Committees & Task Forces

Criminal Justice Reform Policy Committee

Identify and prioritize county detention reform initiatives for adults and juveniles; major issues include dealing with people with behavioral health and substance abuse problems; inmate competency and time limits; the high cost of operating detention facilities; wrap around services for individuals released from detention facilities; probation and parole violators in jails; continued connection with the Courts, Corrections, and Justice Interim Legislative Committee; and increase in County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act funding.

Chair: Sharon Stover, Los Alamos County Clerk, NMAC President

Staff Liaison: Grace Philips, NMAC General Counsel

Economic Development & Infrastructure Policy Committee

To assist counties and county staff with identifying resources available to assist in developing and understanding economic development strategies. This includes areas such as planning, job creation, ties to infrastructure, financing, a skilled workforce, and other related areas. Additionally, the committee is tasked with reviewing policies relating to economic development and infrastructure and their impact on counties.

Chair: Glenn Walters, Sandoval County Commissioner

Staff Liaison: Brian Moore, NMAC Lobbyist

Healthcare Policy Committee

Address major healthcare issues facing county government with emphasis on possible legislative initiatives; major issues include indigent healthcare; Medicaid; healthcare for inmates; hospital reporting; and other issues of importance to the Health Services Affiliate.

Chair: Liz Stefanics, Santa Fe County Commissioner

Staff Liaison: Susan Mayes, NMAC Executive Services Manager

Native American Policy Committee

Address interdependent relationships between counties and Native American communities; major issues include education on Indian law and culture; examining major issues between county government and tribal/pueblo government; improving the dialogue between counties, tribes, pueblos, and nations; providing a sounding board for tribal interests.

Chair: Lloyd Felipe, Sr., Cibola County Commissioner

Staff Liaison: Joy Esparsen, NMAC Intergovernmental Relations Director

Public Lands & Natural Resources Policy Committee

Address major public lands and natural resources issues facing county government with particular emphasis placed on possible legislative initiatives; major issues include federal funding sources for public lands; water rights and delivery systems; Endangered Species Act; and other federal land management practices and regulations.

Chair: Danny Monette, Socorro County Commissioner

Staff Liaison: Joy Esparsen, NMAC Intergovernmental Relations Director

Tax Policy Committee

Address major tax issues facing county government with particular emphasis placed on possible legislative initiatives; major issues include GRT reform efforts and ensuring that county revenues are adequate to meet their needs

Chair: Debbie O'Malley, Bernalillo County Commissioner

Staff Liaison: Santiago Chaves, NMAC Finance & Administration Director

EMS Task Force

Develop policy recommendations regarding appropriate funding levels and mechanisms for recurring EMS services funding. (reconvened for proposed 2016 legislation)

Chair: Paula Garcia, Mora County Commissioner

Staff Liaison: Joy Esparsen, NMAC Intergovernmental Relations Director

SJM 4 Task Force

NMAC to study housing and clinical service options for individuals with serious mental illness who are in custody awaiting trial and report its findings to the appropriate interim legislative committees by December 1, 2015.

Chair: Grace Philips, General Counsel

Staff Liaison: Grace Philips, General Counsel

2016 NMAC Legislative Priorities

- **Restore Detention Center Funding**

Support an increase in the 2016 General Appropriations Act that would fund the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act at a level sufficient to reimburse counties for the actual cost of holding the three categories of prisoners specified under the Act. (Detention Administrators)

- **Support Funding for a Statewide EMS Assessment**

Support an appropriation to conduct a statewide EMS assessment, in coordination with the State Fire Marshal, using monies currently reverted from the Fire Protection Fund, to the State General Fund and reconvene the NMAC EMS Task Force to develop additional policy recommendations regarding appropriate funding levels and mechanisms for recurring EMS services funding. (Fire & Emergency Managers)

- **Gross Receipts Tax Reform**

Request full participation by NMAC in any legislative efforts at gross receipts tax restructure and/or reform and that the Legislature consider formation of a tax policy committee to study and reform New Mexico gross receipts taxes. (Managers)

- **State Level Contribution to the New Mexico 3D Elevation Program (3DEP)**

Support legislation that would allocate funding over a five year period to be used in collaboration with other federal, local, and tribal funds to match federal funding from the National 3D Elevation Program (3DEP). (GIS)

Federal Legislative Initiatives

- Support the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Programs extending full mandatory funding
- Support long-term transportation funding and county priorities in MAP-21 Reauthorization
- Protect county interests in federal “Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS)” rulemaking
- Support NACo Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails

Self-Insurance Pools

Advantages of Pooling

- Counties are not severely penalized for one bad loss
- Member counties control the NMAC pools
- Return of equity to county members
- Pools focus exclusively on county government

Workers' Comp, Multi-Line, & Law Enforcement Pools

- WC Pool provides medical and lost-time coverage for 31 member counties
- WC Pool provides statutory coverage with no limits
- ML Pool provides coverage for property, general liability, crime, public officials' errors and omissions, employment practices, and automobile liability
- ML Pool provides for state claims per the Tort Claims Act limits
- LE Pool provides coverage for law enforcement activities, including sheriff departments and adult and juvenile detention centers
- NMAC Loss Prevention does extensive training and outreach to county detention centers
- Pools operate under a Joint Powers Agreement with county members

***NEW!* County Employee Voluntary Benefits Program**

A WIN for Counties!

- County employees can buy these benefits at a lower cost than anywhere else
- No cost to the county to provide these benefits for its employees
- Employees cannot be denied any of these coverages
- Employees can take these benefits with them if they leave county employment
- Enrollment can occur during your normal enrollment period, or any other time you want it

Professional Development & Additional Resources

NMAC Conferences

- NMAC Legislative Conference held during the week Legislative Session opens to present county perspectives to our legislators and meet with affiliate members.
- NMAC Annual Conference held in June to develop and prepare NMAC legislative priorities for the next legislative session and provide educational programs to affiliates.
- Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference held to train newly elected county officials

County College/NM EDGE

- Created in 2004 in partnership with New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service and NMAC.
- Works through the guidelines of the National Certified Public Manager Consortium to develop certification programs and affiliate-specific curricula for county elected officials and employees www.nmedge.nmsu.edu

National Association of Counties (NACo)

- Known as the Voice of America's 3,069 Counties
- Encourages its members to participate in NACo conferences, steering committees, and webinars
- Develops national legislative policies and advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government
- Responsible for representing counties in Congress and with federal executive agencies

NACo Boards/Caucuses/Issues

Western Interstate Region (WIR)
Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC)
Rural Action Caucus (RAC)
Funding for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT),
Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools
& Community Self Determination Act, and
Endangered Species
Waters of the U.S.

NACo Steering Committees

Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Community, Economic & Workforce Development
Environment, Energy & Land Use
Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
Health
Human Services & Education
Justice & Public Safety
Public Lands
Telecommunications and Technology
Transportation

NMAC Wants To Hear From You!

- What are the important issues facing your county?
- How can NMAC help?
- Questions?

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V. Discussion/Information Items/Presentations

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1. Miscellaneous Updates

